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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction/Election Requirement interposed by the Examiner on January 10, 2006, Applicant elects with traverse I. Claims 1-15. The remaining claims, II. Claims 17-20, are believed to be held in abeyance until final disposition of the elected claims.

Applicants respectfully traverse this restriction requirement on the grounds that it is believed that examination of the two groups cited would not impose a serious burden on the Examiner. According to MPEP §803, there must be a serious burden on the Examiner if restriction is required. It is believed that the amount of searching for the two sets of claims listed on page 2 of the Office action would not be appreciably more than the search required for only one of the sets. According to MPEP §803, if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even if the claims are considered to describe independent or distinct inventions. Traversal is on this basis.

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Applicant requests allowance of the claims.

Sincerely,

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